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Rep. Quinn Applauds Removal of Governor's Long Term Care Plan

Thanks Joint Finance Committee members for finding alternative options

Madison – Rep. Romaine Quinn (R – Rice Lake) voiced his support today for the Joint Finance Committee's decision to replace Governor Walker's Long Term Care proposal with reforms based on input from the people of Wisconsin. The new plan directs the state to begin a comprehensive review of FamilyCare and IRIS services and allows Wisconsin to begin negotiations with the federal government to find cost savings.

"I applaud the Joint Finance Committee members for their action today on preserving our Long Term Care program," said Rep. Quinn. "Like many of my constituents and people across Wisconsin, I had significant concerns about the Governor's proposal. I believe that the plan introduced today makes the necessary efficiencies needed to improve the foundation we already have, without jeopardizing its continued success, and I'm happy to have played a part in achieving this outcome."

In removing the Governor's changes to FamilyCare and IRIS, the new proposal gives the Department of Health Services limited authority to negotiate with the federal government on potential changes to FamilyCare to better integrate long term and medical care. The process would include several notable components, such as: mandatory public and stakeholder input, robust, self-directed care with budget authority, preservation of ADRC services, and final approval of any federal waiver applications by legislative Joint Finance Committee.

"As Vice-Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care, I will continue to do all that I possibly can to keep our state as a national leader in implementing Long Term Care programs," said Rep. Quinn. "I believe that we can continue to show the rest of the country how to offer the best possible care for our most vulnerable populations in an efficient and financially sustainable way."

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